

Reducing a Significant Income Tax Liability Through a VCT Investment

Scenario

A key aim for many high-earning clients is to reduce their Income Tax bill. A tax-efficient vehicle like a Venture Capital Trust (VCT) can help them do just that. Take a look at Eric's situation. He's a CEO who earns £300,000 a year and would like to mitigate Income Tax.

As a sophisticated investor Eric can take on a higher level of risk. So, he's comfortable with the idea of using a VCT when his adviser suggests it. Eric can see that the tax benefits offered by VCTs, to offset the risks of investing in early-stage companies, include 30% Income Tax relief. This is along with tax-free dividends and gains free of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) on the sale of shares in the VCT.

Solution

Eric and his adviser plan for him to invest £100,000 annually into a VCT. He will then claim the 30% Income Tax relief each year. Eric also aims to maintain any dividend payments made as tax-free income.

Steps

Select VCT: Eric's adviser helps him select a VCT from an established provider, targeting dividends of 5% p.a. through investing in firms at growth stage. It also operates a share buyback scheme which is at the discretion of the VCT's Board and subject to regulation.

Invest and claim Income Tax relief: Eric invests £100,000 annually. He claims 30% Income Tax relief in each tax year, achieving a high level of cumulative relief.

Potentially start to see dividends: From year 5, as the VCT's investee firms start to become profitable, Eric can begin receiving annual tax-free dividend income.

Solutions for Investors and Support for Advisers

Blackfinch works in partnership with advisers to help meet their clients' investment needs. A specialist in tax efficient investing, it develops solutions in response to adviser feedback.

The Blackfinch Spring VCT is a newer VCT launched in 2019. It invests in early-stage technology-enabled firms with high growth potential, a strong focus on innovation, and underpinned by clear ESG values. The next share allotment date is 29th January 2021. The final application deadline is 28th January 2021.

Early Bird Offer

A 1.5% early bird discount is available for applications received by 28th January 2021, then reducing to 1% until 1st April 2021.

To find out more please speak to one of our team on **01452 717070** or email **enquiries@blackfinch.com**.

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